



# ***SOUTHEAST NEWS***

***April—May 2006***

*Southeast Elementary School, 134 Warrenville Rd., Mansfield Center, CT 06250*

*423-1611*

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

Please help us with the student enrollment for next year. If you know of any new Kindergarten or first grade students, please let us know.

## **FOR OUR NEW STUDENTS**

To ensure an easy transition and enrollment into our school, please return your child's medical paperwork by June 15, 2006. If the appointment for your child's medical evaluation has not been made, please do so ASAP.

## **MOVING?**

If your child is currently enrolled and you are moving, please make your transfer arrangements early.

## **QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions or concerns about our enrollment or transfer process, please contact Ms. Hazzard, the School Secretary or Mrs. Daniels, the School Nurse.

## **PICKING CHILDREN UP FROM SCHOOL**



If you need to pick your child/children up from school early, or unscheduled at the end of the day, you must send a written note in with each child to give to their homeroom teacher. This

will reduce interruptions of the classrooms, eliminate any confusion at dismissal time, and will assure your child's safety.

Phone calls, e-mails and/or faxes are not acceptable ways to notify the teacher or the office.

## **Calendar of Events:**

April 5.....	7:00 Budget presented to Town Council
April 6.....	7:30 BOE Mtg.
April 10-16.....	TV Turn-Off Week
April 10 <sup>th</sup> .....	7:30 Public Hearing re. Budget
April 11 <sup>th</sup> .....	6:30 Talent Show
April 12 <sup>th</sup> .....	Passover Begins at Sunset
April 13 <sup>th</sup> .....	3:30 Green Thumbs Club 6:00 CAS School Program Recognition Banquet
April 14 <sup>th</sup> .....	Good Friday -- NO SCHOOL
April 17-23.....	Spring Break -- NO SCHOOL
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> .....	Easter -- NO SCHOOL
April 24 <sup>th</sup> .....	Bright Monday, Orthodox Christian Holiday 7:30 Adoption of Budget
April 25 <sup>th</sup> .....	5:00 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Program
April 26 <sup>th</sup> .....	Secretary's Day
April 28 <sup>th</sup> .....	50 <sup>th</sup> Year Anniv. at SE 1:00 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Assembly
May 1 <sup>st</sup> .....	6:00 PAC Mtg. 7:00 PTO Mtg.
May 7-14.....	Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
May 11 <sup>th</sup> .....	9:00-3:30 Incoming Kindergarten Screening by Appointment
May 12 <sup>th</sup> .....	9:00-3:30 Incoming Kindergarten Screening by Appointment
May 17 <sup>th</sup> .....	9:00 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fieldtrip to UCONN
May 18 <sup>th</sup> .....	3:30 Green Thumbs Club

## **Reminder:**

Call the school attendance line  
423-2793 by 9:00 am  
if your child will be absent.



**Attendance Line/Nurse: 423-2793**

**Please visit our website [www.mansfieldct.org/schools/southeast](http://www.mansfieldct.org/schools/southeast)**

## From the Health Room: Nutrition News

More than 60% of American adults are overweight or obese, and today's overweight children will grow to be fatter if families and communities don't take control. Resulting illnesses from obesity kill about 300,000 people each year.

The following tips were compiled from various books on the subject:

- Avoid pre-prepared, sugared and fast foods when possible.
- Limit the amount of high-calorie foods kept in the home.
- Provide ample fiber in the child's diet.
- Skim milk may safely replace whole milk at two-years of age.
- Do not provide food for comfort or as a reward.
- Do not offer sweets in exchange for a finished meal.
- Limit the amount of television viewing and sedentary play, such as video games.
- Encourage active play.
- Establish regular family activities such as walks, ball games, etc.
- Respect your child's appetite, and do not force them to finish every meal or every bottle.
- Treat the overweight child with respect and sensitivity.
- Reassure the child there will be plenty to eat.
- Set up regular meals and snack times, with plenty of satisfying foods available at these times, but not in between. Structure and reassurance works without punishing.
- Make your system a permanent and realistic one.
- Be conscious of good nutrition. Avoid soft drinks. Soda is a major source of calories for children, and each bottle is equivalent to eating a candy bar.
- Teach your child to enjoy small quantities of some high-calorie foods and to savor it by eating slowly and enjoying it. Don't worry about an occasional overeating situation.
- Teach your child to eat slowly, putting their fork down between bites.
- Avoid food reminders. Children may eat more when food is in sight.
- Let exercise come naturally and encourage it, but don't pressure.
- Strengthen self esteem. Be sensitive and patient and do not overwhelm them.
- Help the child look nice with clothing that feels good.
- Don't be unrealistic about how your child's body should look. Each child has a weight that is right for him or her.

## **ERICA BLUM NAMED COUNTY WINNER IN CONNECTICUT FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST**



We are pleased to announce that the poster submitted by Erica Blum, 4th grade student in Mrs. Latino's class, is a County Winner.

In recognition of this achievement, an Award Presentation Luncheon to honor all County Winners is planned for Friday, March 31st, at which time the State Poster Winner for 2006 will be announced.

Congratulations, Erica and good luck!



## **Jonas Burkhard to represent Southeast School in National Geographic Bee**

Jonas Burkhard has qualified to represent our school and participate at the state level of the National Geographic Bee, to be held on Friday, March 31st at Central Connecticut State University, New Britain. Jonas is a 4th grade student in Mr. Warinsky's class.

One winner from each state and territory will advance to the national competition to be held at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C. on May 23 & 24th.

The final round of the 2006 National Geographic Bee, featuring Alex Trebek, will air on the National Geographic Channel on May 24th.

More information is provided on their website:

[www.nationalgeographic.com/geographicbee](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geographicbee)

*Jonas, congratulations and best of luck to you!*

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES:**

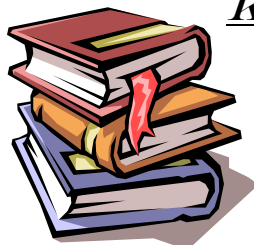
Food preparation, serving, cashiers, 3 to 4 hours per day according to school calendar.

Openings: Region 19 (EO Smith), Mansfield Schools, and Lebanon.

Applications can be completed and submitted on line at [www.mansfieldct.org/mboe/](http://www.mansfieldct.org/mboe/) or applications are available at:

Mansfield Board of Education Office  
4 So. Eagleville Rd., Storrs, CT 06268  
Attn: Beth Gankofskie,  
Dir. of Food Services  
for Lebanon and Mansfield.  
(860) 429-7824

## **STORIES FOR SOUTHEAST** **THE GIFT THAT** **KEEPS ON GIVING**



We would like to thank the individuals below for their purchase of the following books for our school library:

- Favorite Children's Authors and Illustrators: Volumes 1 - 6... to Southeast Elementary School... from Juliana Barrett;
- Prehistoric Actual Size... in memory of David Flaherty who was always interested in dinosaurs... from the Southeast Staff;
- Riley and Rose in the Picture... dedicated to the memory of David Flaherty who rescued many animals... from the Southeast Staff;
- Wild About Books... to Southeast Elementary School... from Juliana Barrett.

**Have you visited our website yet?**

[www.mansfieldct.org/schools/southeast](http://www.mansfieldct.org/schools/southeast)

- [Principal's Message](#)
- [About Our School & Mission Statement](#)
- [Certified Staff Directory](#)
- [PTO](#)
- [Lunch Menu](#)
- [Events Calendar](#)
- [Yearly Calendar](#)
- [Library Media Center](#)
- [Student Work](#)
- [Family Enrichment](#)
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**and much, much more.**

**PUT US IN YOUR FAVORITES!**

## **GREEN THUMBS CLUB** **PLANT SALE**

**THURSDAY, MAY 25 AND FRIDAY, MAY 26**

**8:00 A. M. - 4:30 P. M.**

**SOUTHEAST SCHOOL GREENHOUSE**

Stop by our greenhouse to purchase herbs, flowers, and vegetables that have been planted from seed by the Green Thumbs Club.

With your purchase you will receive a generous sample of our rich finished compost made from the elementary school's food waste.



**50 CENTS PER PLANT**  
**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE**  
**SOUTHEAST SCHOOL PTO**

**The proceeds will go to the Green Thumbs Club.**

## **THE MANSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**

The Museum preserves historic collections, research materials, photographs, manuscripts, and publications relating to Mansfield history. The Edith Mason library contains over 500 books and other local history items. Talented, dedicated members identify, accession, and catalog artifacts, books, and other memorabilia, arrange changing exhibits each season from the museum's various collections and welcome loans from friends.

Mansfield's old Town Hall stands next to the Museum. The "Town House" as it was known in earlier days is Mansfield's oldest public building still standing, and was the seat of Mansfield's government and political life for 128 years. The 1843 building has been re-opened with exhibits and photographs commemorating the town's political history and former officials.

Both museums have been especially created for Mansfield residents and visitors, and to honor Mansfield's history. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and enjoy the displays.

Open Thursday and Sunday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., June Through September. Located on Route 195, one mile south of the University of Connecticut. Admission: \$2.00/adult. Free to members, and children 12 and under. Group tours by arrangement, June - October.



Please visit our website: [www.mansfieldct-history.org](http://www.mansfieldct-history.org)

For questions e-mail  
[museum@mansfield-history.org](mailto:museum@mansfield-history.org)

## Science Fair and Invention Convention

The annual Southeast School Science Fair and Invention Convention was held on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Many families came to support our student scientists and inventors and to celebrate science and creativity!

We awarded almost 50 science fair certificates and ribbons and **ten** invention convention certificates and ribbons.

Our judges selected four inventors to represent Southeast School at the Connecticut Invention Convention on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at The University of Connecticut.

They are :

Erica Blum,  
Mrs. Latino's 4<sup>th</sup> grade,  
Raincoat Umbrella

Eric Barrett,  
Mr. Hendricks' 3<sup>rd</sup> grade,  
No-scratch Pliers

Christian Briere,  
Mrs. Cackowski's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade,  
Smoke-Be-Gone Dust Buster

Alexa Drinkuth,  
Mrs. Brennans' 2<sup>nd</sup> grade,  
Kids Cold Kit



*Thank you to all families who helped their children with this project and to all the teachers and staff who supported this event.*

## Sneaker Recycling



**When:** Now until the end of school

**What:** Worn-out, dry athletic shoes.

*Please, no cleats.*

**Where:** Southeast Elementary School,  
Recycling Station  
(outside Mrs. Irvine's room #22)

The Connecticut Recyclers Coalition, a non-profit organization, is once again coordinating efforts with Nike to collect worn-out athletic shoes (*without cleats*) from Connecticut towns, businesses and schools this spring. Last year Southeast Elementary School collected 123 pounds of sneakers. Southeast School has been collecting and storing the sneakers until the official springtime program. What happens to these sneakers? Willimantic Waste Paper, the local recycling processing plant, is the central collection point for all of Connecticut. The shoes are shipped to Nike's Oregon plant where they are sliced into thirds, and each segment is used in a different way to produce NikeGrind...an athletic surface material. In fact, Salmon Brook Park in Granby was awarded an \$8,000 grant for a NikeGrind playground surface.

You can visit

[www.nikebiz.com/reuseashoe](http://www.nikebiz.com/reuseashoe)

for more information.